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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Oversight and Ethics

Thursday, April 28, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics was called to order by Representative Ed McBroom, Chair.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan. (6/6)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of April 26, 2016.

Representative Theis moved to adopt the minutes of April 26, 2016 as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

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The Chair laid before the committee the Performance Audit Report for the Michigan Integrated Data Automated System (MiDAS) and the Performance Audit Report for Claimant Services.

Performance Audit Report of the
Michigan Integrated Data Automated System (MiDAS)
Unemployment Insurance Agency,
Department of Talent and Economic Development and
Department of Technology, Management, and Budget
February 2016
Report Number: 641-0593-15

Performance Audit Report of the
Claimant Services,
Unemployment Insurance Agency,
Talent Investment Agency,
Department of Talent and Economic Development
April 2016
Report Number: 641-0318-14

Representative Theis moved to refer the Performance Audits of the Michigan Integrated Data Automated System (MiDAS) and of the Claimant Services to the Unemployment Reform Subcommittee of the House Oversight and Ethics Committee.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan, (6/6)

Nays: None. (0/6)

The Performance Audits were referred to the Subcommittee.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4982.

HB 4982 (Victory) Employment security; administration; unemployment insurance benefit claims; require additional notice and examination for fraud determination.

Substitute (H-3) was previously adopted on April 14, 2016.

Representative Theis moved to refer the House Bill 4982 (H-3) to the Unemployment Reform Subcommittee of the House Oversight and Ethics Committee.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan, (6/6)

Nays: None. (0/6)

The bill and the substitute were referred to the Subcommittee.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 5469, 5470, 5471, 5472, 5473, 5475, 5476, 5477, and 5478.

HB 5469 (McBroom) Civil rights; other; legislative open records act (LORA); create as part of the freedom of information act.

HB 5470 (Howrylak) Civil rights; other; fee for public record search under legislative open records act (LORA); provide for.

HB 5471 (Bizon) Civil rights; other; access to public record search under legislative open records act (LORA); provide for.

HB 5472 (Barrett) Public employees and officers; state; designation of legislative open records act (LORA) coordinator; provide for.

HB 5473 (Chatfield)	Civil rights; other; appeal procedure of the legislative open records act (LORA); provide for.
HB 5474 (Rutledge)	Civil rights; other; separation of material exempt from disclosure; provide for.
HB 5475 (Sheppard)	Civil rights; other; disclosure of certain legislative open records; provide exemption.
HB 5476 (Guerra)	Legislature; legislative agencies; deciding appeals of public records requests under the legislative open records act; add to legislative council administrator's duties.
HB 5477 (McBroom)	Civil rights; other; freedom of information act exemptions; modify.
HB 5478 (Moss)	Civil rights; other; governor's office; subject to freedom of information act and designate separate part of act.

At 10:37 a.m., the Chair called Majority Vice-Chair Howrylak to the chair.

The Chair and Representative Moss, bill sponsors, explained the bill package. Questions followed.

At 11:01 a.m., the Chair reassumed the chair.

Curt Guyette, an Investigative Journalist for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, testified in support of the bill package.

James Clift, Policy Director at the Michigan Environmental Council, expressed his concerns about certain aspects of the bills. Questions followed.

David Holtz, Chair of the Michigan Chapter Executive Committee for the Sierra Club, submitted a testimony card in support of House Bills 5477 and 5478, and neutral on the remaining bills in the package. A copy of the submitted written testimony is attached.

Melanie McElroy, Executive director of Common Cause of Michigan, testified in support of House Bills 5477 and 5478, and neutral on the remaining bills in the package. A copy of her written testimony is attached.

Michael J. Reitz, Executive Vice-President of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, testified in support of the concepts of the bill package. Questions followed.

Jane Briggs-Bunting, President of the Michigan Coalition for Open Government, submitted written testimony, which is attached.

The Chair laid before the subcommittee appointment letter to the Chair from the Speaker of the House.

April 26, 2016

Clerk Gary L. Randall
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Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I hereby appoint Representative Roger Victory to serve on the Oversight Subcommittee on Unemployment Reform.

Sincerely,
Kevin Cotter
Speaker of the House

The Subcommittee Chair, Representative Graves, extended an invitation to the full committee membership that they were welcome to join the subcommittee in hearing further testimony on the issue of unemployment reform.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Pagan moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:31 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Ed McBroom, Chair
House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee